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**River Rouge Opening Plan**

1. Beginning May 3, 2002, vessels will be allowed to transit the River Rouge unrestricted, until such time as the Captain of the Port Detroit determines that a significant threat of an oil spill exists.
2. Four oil pollution booms will be staged along the shore, out of the way of vessel navigation. If a significant rain event is anticipated, the Coast Guard will direct that the booms be closed. During times when the booms are closed, commercial navigation will not be permitted above the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Bridge after 2000 hrs. During times when the booms are closed, vessels may transit the River Rouge between 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs only, with a one-hour notice to MCTS Sarnia or Group Detroit.
3. River Rouge traffic below the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Bridge is not affected by this MSIB. Vessels continue to have normal access to the River Rouge below the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Bridge.

Sincerely,

**B. P. HALL**

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Alternate Captain of the Port